

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an in-person interview with Applicant's Attorney, David A. Divine, on December 5, 2006.

During the interview, Applicant's Attorney presented arguments distinguishing the claims from the cited Hubbell and Kim patents. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's Attorney also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

Applicant's Attorney understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the claims would distinguish over the prior art of record if amended to clarify features of the synchronization operation, including the event identifier and the status result. Applicant herein amends independent claim 1, as discussed during the interview, to clarify features of the synchronization operation. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are believed to be allowable over the cited documents.